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***Raised Bill No. 7303***

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A  
NEW ARENA IN THE CITY OF HARTFORD.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-600 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 As used in this chapter and sections 32-650 to 32-668, inclusive, the  
4 following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 (1) "Authority" means the Capital City Economic Development  
6 Authority created pursuant to section 32-601.

7 (2) "Capital city project" means any or all of the following: (A) A  
8 convention center project as defined in subdivision (3) of this section;  
9 (B) a downtown higher education center; (C) the renovation and  
10 rejuvenation of the civic center and coliseum complex, including  
11 determining the feasibility of replacing the coliseum and constructing  
12 a new downtown arena; (D) the development of the infrastructure and  
13 improvements to the riverfront; (E) (i) the creation of up to one  
14 thousand downtown housing units through rehabilitation and new

15 construction and (ii) the demolition or redevelopment of vacant  
16 buildings; and (F) the addition to downtown parking capacity. All  
17 capital city projects shall be located or constructed and operated in the  
18 capital city economic development district, as defined in subdivision  
19 (7) of this section, provided any project undertaken pursuant to  
20 subparagraph (E) (ii) of this subdivision may be located anywhere in  
21 the town and city of Hartford.

22 (3) "Convention center" means a convention facility constructed and  
23 operated in the capital city economic development district, including  
24 parking for such facility, in conjunction with a privately developed  
25 hotel, including ancillary facilities and infrastructure improvements as  
26 more particularly described in the master development plan.

27 (4) "Convention center facilities" means the convention center and  
28 the related parking facilities, as defined in section 32-651, to the extent  
29 such related parking facilities are developed, owned or operated by the  
30 authority, and may include a central heating and cooling plant serving  
31 the convention center, the related parking facilities, the related private  
32 development and, to the extent of any surplus capacity, other users.  
33 "Convention center facilities" does not include the convention center  
34 hotel.

35 (5) "Convention center hotel" means the privately developed hotel  
36 required to be constructed and operated in conjunction with the  
37 convention center, as more particularly described in the master  
38 development plan, as defined in section 32-651, including the second  
39 phase of the convention center hotel as therein described.

40 (6) "Convention center project" means the development, design,  
41 construction, finishing, furnishing and equipping of the convention  
42 center facilities and related site acquisition and site preparation.

43 (7) "Capital city economic development district" means the area  
44 bounded and described as follows: The northerly side of Maseek  
45 Street from the intersection of Van Dyke Avenue proceeding westerly

46 to the intersection of Van Block Avenue, proceeding northerly along  
47 Van Block to the intersection of Nepaquash Street, proceeding easterly  
48 to the intersection of Huyshope Avenue, proceeding northerly along  
49 Huyshope Avenue to the intersection of Charter Oak Avenue,  
50 proceeding westerly along Charter Oak Avenue to Wyllys Street,  
51 proceeding along Wyllys Street to Popieluszko Court, north on  
52 Popieluszko Court to Charter Oak Avenue proceeding westerly to  
53 Main Street, proceeding south along Main Street to Park Street, thence  
54 west along Park Street to Washington Street, thence north along  
55 Washington Street to the entryway to the State Capitol, thence  
56 northwesterly along the Exit 48 on ramp to Interstate 84 northward to  
57 the railroad, now proceeding northeasterly along the railroad to its  
58 intersection with the southerly railroad spur, thence proceeding  
59 southeasterly along the railroad R.O.W. to the Bulkeley Bridge. Thence  
60 easterly to the city line. Proceeding south along city boundary to the  
61 point perpendicular with Maseek Street. Thence westerly to the point  
62 of beginning.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	32-600
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To empower the Capital City Economic Development Authority to conduct cost, market and economic impact analyses associated with constructing a new downtown Hartford arena.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*